

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Conventionally the chutes 24 are welded at a plurality of locations 28 around the circumference of the flange 26, as shown in Figure 2 (prior art). The hoop stress field is represented by lines 30 running circumferentially around the combustor-wall 46, wall 4, 6. Hence point "B" and "C" marked on the center line 30 are in the same radial plane.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Shown in Figure 3 and in accordance with the present invention, is a similar arrangement to that described in the prior art except that the areas where the chute 24 is attached to the combustor wall 4,6 are located only in the regions of low stress "B","C" which are positioned in the same-~~axial~~ radial plane and are provided on diametrically opposite sides of the chute 24 and flange 26.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In operation, the present invention will reduce the propensity for weld cracks at the areas of attachment 28. It will be appreciated that cracks initiated at the areas of attachment 28 may propagate to the combustor-wall 46, wall 4, 6, resulting in a critical failure of the combustor 2.